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## **CHILD CARE**

### **(See Schools for Pre-School Information)**

**Note: This list is not pre-screened.**

**Abraham Lincoln Centre Nursery.** 3858 South Cottage Grove Avenue. 773-285-1390. [www.abelink.org](http://www.abelink.org) The Centre operates eight "full-day" and two "half-day" programs. NAEYC accredited. Head Start/Pre-K programs with an enrollment of 390 children between the ages of 3 to 5.

**A Whizz Kids Preschool.** 2600 E. 83<sup>rd</sup> St. 773-768-0880. This school has two locations- one on East 83<sup>rd</sup> and another on 99<sup>th</sup> & Torrence. The school serves Pre-K and Kindergarten children.

**Baby Ph.D.** 5411 S. Dorchester / 5415 S. Harper. 773-684-8920. [www.babyphd.com](http://www.babyphd.com) The current clientele is primarily made up of parents who are graduate students, faculty, and staff of the University of Chicago, the University of Chicago Hospitals, and other local educational institutions (i.e. McCormick Theological Seminary, etc.). Tuition at Baby Ph.D. ranges from \$260-310/week. Admission to Baby Ph.D. is determined on a space available basis. Baby Ph.D. participates in the University of Chicago Childcare Initiative.

**Centers for New Horizons.** 4150 S. King Drive. 773-373-0063. [www.cnh.org](http://www.cnh.org) This child care center in Bronzeville offers early education for children between the ages 0 through 5. The language and math-rich curriculum focuses on helping children explore their cultural legacy, build self-confidence, and develop social skills. Centers for New Horizons participates in the University of Chicago Child Care Initiative.

**Chicago Child Care Society.** 5467 S. University Avenue. 773-643-0452. [www.cccsociety.org](http://www.cccsociety.org) This center offers early education for children between the ages of 2 and 5. Chicago Child Care Society participates in the University of Chicago Child Care Initiative.

**A Child's Space.** 1020 S. Wabash. 312-431-1234. [www.achildspace.com](http://www.achildspace.com) This private South Loop nursery offers care for children between the ages of 0 through 5 with a focus on discovery-based learning. \$892-\$1,296/month. Part-time and full-time care available.

**Cuddle Care Academy.** 4800 S. Lake Park Avenue. 773-285-1114. [cuddleacademy@aol.com](mailto:cuddleacademy@aol.com) This childcare program serves children between the ages of 15 months to 2 years. Half- and full-day programs are available. Childcare includes monthly field trips, structured curriculum and foreign language instruction.

**Creative Mansion Children's Academy, Inc.** 4745 S. Ellis Avenue. 773-268-6066. Creative Mansion is a Christian pre-school for children between the ages of 2 and six years old.

**Detour 2 Discovery Day School.** 2001 S. Wabash Avenue. 312-949-2273. [www.detour2discovery.com](http://www.detour2discovery.com) This private nursery accepts children between the ages of 0 to 4. There are full-time and part-time options.

**Evelyn's Playhouse.** 5311 S. Cornell Avenue. 773-493-2474. Care is provided Monday through Friday 7:45 am to 6:00 pm with breakfast, lunch, and snack included.

**Hyde Park Development Center.** 5240 S. Hyde Park Blvd. 773-324-0947. [www.hydeparkdevelopmentcenter.com](http://www.hydeparkdevelopmentcenter.com) A private, home-based preschool program that serves children between the ages of 2 through 5. Curriculum includes teaching reading readiness, math, foreign languages, science, yoga, gardening, cooking, and music.

**KinderCare Learning Center.** 1501 S. State Street. 312-913-1557. [www.kindercare.com](http://www.kindercare.com) This childcare program serves children between the ages of 6 weeks through 12 years.

**Little People Learning Center, Inc.** 5650 S. Woodlawn (First Unitarian Church). 773-955-9942. Little People provides care for children between the ages of 2 through 6.

**Ounce of Prevention Fund.** Administrative Offices: 33 W. Monroe, Suite 2400. 312-922-3863. <http://ounceofprevention.org> Offers child care and early education programs in Chicago.

**Parent Cooperative for Early Learning.** 5300 S. Shore Drive. 773-687-4000. [www.hydepark-parent-coop.org](http://www.hydepark-parent-coop.org) A private preschool for children between the ages of 2 through 5. Prices vary.

**Sunflower Children's Garden.** 4945 S. Dorchester Avenue. 773-973-7415. [www.sunflowerchildrensgarden.com](http://www.sunflowerchildrensgarden.com) This Waldorf Education based center provides early childhood activities for children between the ages 2 to 6. The programs include a morning class for children and an afternoon class for parents and infants.

## **CHILD CARE REFERRAL SERVICES**

**Action for Children.** 773-564-8890 or [childcare@actforchildren.org](mailto:childcare@actforchildren.org). Action for Children provides a child care resource and referral service that offers unique support for working parents. A database helps parents explore child care options for children from 6 weeks to 12 years old. Action for Children also provides information about child care assistance programs and child care tax credits.

**Baby Ph.D.** [www.babyphd.com](http://www.babyphd.com) Offers assistance with navigating local childcare options and holds monthly meetings with home-based childcare providers present.

**Sittercity.com** is America's largest, most easily accessible database for babysitters

and nannies. The website offers 100,000 caregivers for 20 major markets.

**University of Chicago Benefits Office.** Ingleside Hall, Room 308. 773-834-7396. This resource provides list of full-time and part-time home child-care providers that is not pre-screened.

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

**57<sup>th</sup> Street Books.** 1301 East 57<sup>th</sup> Street. <http://semcoop.booksense.com> Storytime every Wednesday at 10:30am. In addition to regular storytime, check in-store signs and website for information on weekend storytime events.

**ALYO Children's Dance Theatre.** P.O. Box 198672. 773-243-2566. [www.alyochildrendance.com](http://www.alyochildrendance.com) Offers African dance and percussion instruction.

**Beverly Arts Center.** 2407 W. 111th Street. 773-445-3838. [www.beverlyartcenter.org](http://www.beverlyartcenter.org) This center has exhibits and classes in arts, computers, music, theatre and dance for children ages 3 years old and up.

**The Blackstone Branch Library.** 4904 S. Lake Park Avenue. 312-747-0511. Preschool Storytime. Tuesdays 10:00-10:30 am (Call for Dates). Open to children ages 5 and under. Registration required. Also offers workshops for families by the Smart Museum.

**Borders Bookstore.** 1539 E. 53rd Street. 773-752-8663. The bookstore hosts "Storytime Thursdays" every Thursday at 11 a.m. for children.

**Chicago Children's Choir/Hyde Park Neighborhood Choir.** First Unitarian Church. 5650 South Woodlawn Avenue. 312-849-8300 ext. 22. [www.ccchoir.org](http://www.ccchoir.org) The choir includes children ages 8 to 16 years of age and performs around the city and region. Contact [mstone@cchoir.org](mailto:mstone@cchoir.org) or [donnawattscchoir@hotmail.com](mailto:donnawattscchoir@hotmail.com).

**ETA Creative Arts.** 7558 S. South Chicago Avenue. 773-752-8727. [www.etacreativearts.org](http://www.etacreativearts.org) The ETA Creative Arts Foundation seeks to be a major cultural resource institution for the preservation, perpetuation, and promulgation of the African American aesthetic in the City of Chicago, the state of Illinois, and the Nation. ETA has adult classes, a Youth Performance workshop, school partnerships, and school and classroom based programs.

**Global Explorers.** 4437 N Maplewood. [www.globalexplorerskids.org](http://www.globalexplorerskids.org) 773-506-4989. Global Explorers is dedicated to providing children with the opportunity to explore the diversity of the world's peoples through classes and workshops, family field trips and events.

**Hands On! Children's Art Museum.** 1800 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. 773-233-9933. [www.hansonart.org](http://www.hansonart.org) Hands On! is a non-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering the creative spirits of children. Hands On! offers numerous classes and workshops.

**Hyde Park Art Center.** 5020 S. Cornell. 773-324-5520. [www.hydeparkart.org](http://www.hydeparkart.org) Hyde

Park Art Center offers creative arts and media classes for preschool through teenage children. Classes include origami, stenciling, drawing and photography.

**Hyde Park School of Ballet.** 5650 S. Woodlawn Avenue. 773-493-8498. [www.hydeparkschoolofballet.org](http://www.hydeparkschoolofballet.org) Creative movement classes for 3 year olds, pre-ballet classes for 4 to 6 year olds and ballet instruction for ages 7 and up. Non-ballet classes are also available.

**Hyde Park Suzuki Institute.** 1448 E. 53rd Street. 773-643-1388. [www.hydeparksuzuki.com](http://www.hydeparksuzuki.com) Musical instruction for children in the violin, viola, cello, piano and guitar beginning at age 3. Offers Kindermusik classes for children ages 0-3.

**Hyde Park Youth Symphony.** Hyde Park Union Church. 5600 S. Woodlawn Avenue. 773-562-2369. [www.hpys.org](http://www.hpys.org) Community-based organization providing a high quality arts experience to children on the south side of Chicago. Also provides music programs and performances for elementary students.

**Joan's Studio for the Performing Arts.** 1438 E. 57th Street. 773-493-9288. [www.joansstudio.inc](http://www.joansstudio.inc) Offers rhythm classes for toddlers, dance and music classes for school children, and music and dance classes (both beginning and advanced) for adults.

**Kiddy Cuisines.** 312-405-8212. [www.kiddycuisine.com](http://www.kiddycuisine.com) Kiddy Cuisines offers cooking classes and customized cooking birthday parties for toddlers and young children.

**Kid's Table.** 2337 W. North Avenue. 773-235-COOK (773-235-2665). <http://www.kids-table.com> Offers cooking classes for parents, classes for kids, birthday parties and a retail store.

**Language Stars.** 1777 N. Clyborn. 1-866-55-STARS. [www.languagestars.com](http://www.languagestars.com) Language Stars has fun, foreign language immersion programs in French, German, Spanish and Chinese, and Italian.

**Little Black Pearl.** 1060 E. 47<sup>th</sup> Street. 773-285-1211. [www.blackpearl.org](http://www.blackpearl.org) The mission of Little Black Pearl is to create opportunities for youth and adults to deepen their creative involvement thru the arts, cultivate their entrepreneurial skills and use the arts as a means for economic empowerment and community transformation. Offers youth and adult classes.

**M.A.D.D. Rhythms Inc.** The South Shore Cultural Center. 7059 S. Shore Drive. 773-604-1899. [www.maddrhythms.com](http://www.maddrhythms.com) Offers tap dancing classes for adults and children.

**Marsha's Music Together.** 1438 East 57<sup>th</sup> Street. 773-493-9288. Marsha's Music Together provides music education for children (from birth to elementary age). Check their website <http://musictogether.marshasmusic.com> for tuition prices and class times.

**Merit School of Music.** 38 South Peoria Street. 312-786-9428. <http://www.meritmusic.org> Offers music instruction to youth and removes economic barriers that might otherwise prevent children from participating in music.

**Mayfair Academy of Fine Arts.** 1025 East 79th Street. 773-846-8180. <http://www.mayfairacademy.net> School for the performing arts and music established in

1959. Dance classes for children. Location in Flossmoor as well.

**Music Teachers of Hyde Park.** [www.mthp.org](http://www.mthp.org) provides a listing of music teachers offering private music lessons.

**Muntu Dance Theatre Chicago.** 6800 S. Wentworth Avenue, Suite 3E96. 773-602-1135. [www.muntu.com](http://www.muntu.com) The Chicago-based Muntu Dance Theatre performs authentic and progressive interpretations of contemporary and ancient African and African-American dance music, and folklore. The Muntu Dance Theatre Chicago also provides various classes and workshops.

**Old Town School of Music.** Locations at 4544 North Lincoln Avenue and 909 West Armitage. <http://www.oldtownschool.org> Offers a variety of classes for adults and children in music, dance, theatre and other areas.

**Russell Talbert Dance Studio.** 125 E. 26th Street. 773-485-5868. <http://www.rtdancestudio.org> The Center offers instruction in multiple forms of dance to students ages 5 through adult.

**Sherwood Conservatory of Music.** 1312 S. Michigan. 312-427-6267. [www.sherwoodmusic.org](http://www.sherwoodmusic.org) The Conservatory trains gifted young musicians who anticipate careers in music, beginning and amateur musicians of all ages, preschool children and parents, and professional musicians and music educators seeking continuing education.

**South Shore Cultural Center.** 7059 South Shore Drive. 773-256-0149. The South Shore Cultural Center offers programs for youth, professional performances, exhibits, educational and cultural activities for the community. Classes for youth and adults.

**World Folk Music Company.** 1808 W. 103<sup>rd</sup>. 773-779-2546. <http://www.worldfolkmusiccompany.com>. Offers infant/toddler music classes and musical instruction for children. Classes for children with special needs are available as well.

## **MUSEUMS**

**Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum.** 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive. 312-922-STAR. [www.adlerplanetarium.org](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org)

**Art Institute of Chicago.** 111 S. Michigan Ave. 312-443-3600. [www.artic.edu](http://www.artic.edu)

**Bronzeville Children's Museum.** 96th and Western in Evergreen Park. [www.bronzevillechildrensmuseum.com](http://www.bronzevillechildrensmuseum.com) The first and only African American children's museum in the country.

**CenterSpace Gallery at Gallery 37.** 66 E. Randolph. 312-744-8925. [www.gallery37.org](http://www.gallery37.org) Admission is free.

**Chicago ArchiCenter.** 224 S. Michigan Ave. 312-922-3432. [www.architecture.org](http://www.architecture.org) Admission is free.

**Chicago Children's Museum.** 700E. Grand Ave. 312-527-1000.

[www.chichildrensmuseum.org](http://www.chichildrensmuseum.org)

**Chicago Cultural Center.** 78 E. Washington St. 312-744-6630.  
<http://egov.cityofchicago.org> Admission is free.

**City Gallery at the Historic Water Tower.** 806 N. Michigan Ave. 312-742-0808.  
[www.ci.chi.il.us/tourism/thingstodo/citygallery.html](http://www.ci.chi.il.us/tourism/thingstodo/citygallery.html)

**DuSable Museum of African American History.** 740 E. 56th Place. 773-947-0600.  
[www.dusablemuseum.org](http://www.dusablemuseum.org) The only major independent institution in Chicago established to preserve and interpret the historical experiences and achievements of African Americans.

**Field Museum.** 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive. 312-922-9410. [www.fieldmuseum.org](http://www.fieldmuseum.org) The museum offers a variety of family programming.

**Frank Lloyd Wright Robie House.** 5757 S. Woodlawn Avenue.  
<http://www.wrightplus.org> Tickets can be bought for tours.

**Garfield Park Conservatory.** 300 N. Central Park Ave. 312-746-5100. [www.garfield-conservatory.org](http://www.garfield-conservatory.org) Admission is free.

**Glessner and Clarke House Museum.** [www.glessnerhouse.org](http://www.glessnerhouse.org) The city's oldest surviving building located in Chicago's Women's Park and Gardens.

**Hull House Museum.** 800 S. Halsted Street. 312-413-5353.  
[www.hullhousemuseum.org](http://www.hullhousemuseum.org) Teaches kids how one person can make a difference.

**Lincoln Park Zoo.** 2001 N. Clark St. 312-742-2000. [www.lpzoo.com](http://www.lpzoo.com) Admission is free.

**National Museum of Mexican Art.** 1852 W. 19th Street. 312-738-1503.  
[www.nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org](http://www.nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org) The National Museum of Mexican Art is the nation's largest Latino arts institute. Admission is free.

**Museum of Science and Industry.** 57th and Lake Shore Drive. 773-684-1414.  
[www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org)

**Museum of Contemporary Art.** 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-280-2660.  
[www.mcachicago.org](http://www.mcachicago.org)

**Notebart Nature Museum.** 2430 N. Cannon Drive. 773-755-5100. [www.chias.org](http://www.chias.org)

**Oriental Institute.** 1155 E. 58<sup>th</sup> Street. 773-702-9514. [www.oi.uchicago.edu](http://www.oi.uchicago.edu) The museum offers special family events. A schedule can be found on the website. Additionally, the museum offers self-guided activities for families. The Family Activity Card directs parents and children to search for and then make discoveries about specific artifacts on view in the museum.

**Pullman Historical District.** [www.pullmanil.org](http://www.pullmanil.org) Houses historical artifacts from tycoon George Pullman's home.

**Ridge Historical Society Museum.** <http://ridgehistoricalsociety.org> Preserves and promotes the history of the Chicago neighborhoods of Beverly Hills, Morgan Park and Washington Heights.

**Smart Families @ University of Chicago.** 5550 S. Greenwood. 773-702-0200. The Smart Museum of Art (<http://smartmuseum.uchicago.edu>) and the Blackstone Branch Library are offering free drop-in family workshops. Smart Museum staff will provide art and reading-related activities for children. Parents and children can make art projects together and read related stories. For children ages 3 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The museum also offers Art Afternoons that include a gallery walk and art project.

**Shedd Aquarium.** 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive. 312-939-2438.  
<http://www.sheddaquarium.org>

**Spertus Museum.** 618 S. Michigan Ave. 312-322-1747. <http://spertus.edu> Explores Jewish learning and culture.

**Swedish American Museum and Children's Museum of Immigration.** 5211 N. Clark Street. 773-728-8111. [www.samac.org](http://www.samac.org) The Children's Museum of Immigration is an interactive, hands-on museum for children ages 3-12.

## **SPORTS AND RECREATION**

**AYSO Soccer, Region 751.** [www.ayso751.org](http://www.ayso751.org) This league offers soccer practices and games in Hyde Park for children ages 4 and up.

**Chicago Park District.** [www.chicagoparkdistrict.org](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.org) Offers summer camps and low-cost classes in a variety of areas. There is a pool with a water slide at the Washington Park location.

**Children's Rendezvous.** 5039 S. Greenwood Avenue. 773-924-2832. [www.crr-hydepark.com](http://www.crr-hydepark.com) Offers before and after school care as well as care on days off from school.

**Enso Yoga and Martial Arts Studio.** 719 S. Michigan. 312-427-3676.  
[www.ensostudio.com](http://www.ensostudio.com) Yoga and martial arts instruction for children.

**Fitzgerald's Martial Arts.** 1742 E. 55th Street. 773-643-5648.  
[www.fitzgeraldmartialarts.com](http://www.fitzgeraldmartialarts.com) Offers instruction for children in martial arts/tangasodo.

**Future World Learning Centers.** 1744 E. 55th Street. 773-256-1570.  
[www.futureworldlearningcenters.org](http://www.futureworldlearningcenters.org) After-school program and summer camp for school-aged children.

**Gymboree.** 600 W. Roosevelt Road, 2nd Floor. 773-296-4550.  
[www.gymboreeclasses.com](http://www.gymboreeclasses.com) Play, music and art classes for children.

**Hyde Park Jewish Community Center (JCC).** 5200 S. Hyde Park Blvd. 773-753-

3080. [www.iccofchicago.org](http://www.iccofchicago.org) Serves more than 33,000 individuals and families through its parent/child classes, enrichment and vacation day programs, summer camp, sports and recreation leagues, adult classes and family events.

**Hyde Park/Kenwood Baseball.** [www.hpklegends.org](http://www.hpklegends.org) This league offers T-Ball, Pee Wee and Little League.

**Hyde Park Neighborhood Club.** 5840 S. Kenwood. 773-643-4062. <http://www.hpclub.org> Provides recreational and extra-curricular programs for toddlers through teens, including a tot lot, before and after school care, summer camps, music and dance lessons, and sports instruction.

**Lil' Kickers.** 2255 S. Throop. 877-545-5457. <http://lilkickers.com> Lil' Kickers is a year round non-competitive, introductory soccer and movement skills program for boys and girls ages 18 months to 9 years old. Offers programs at the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club for the Hyde Park community.

**The Little Gym.** 704 S. Maxwell Street. 312-628-3119. [www.tlgsouthloopil.com](http://www.tlgsouthloopil.com) Located in the South Loop, The Little Gym provides non-competitive motor skill development programs such as gymnastics, sports, exercise, games, listening and cooperation.

**Near South Soccer League.** 312-339-7042. [www.nearsouthsoccer.com](http://www.nearsouthsoccer.com) The Near South Soccer League (NSSL) is a recreational, educational coed soccer league for children ages 4-13 years.

**South Shore Little League.** 2101 E. 79th Street. 773-933-5324. <http://southshore-littleleague.com> Free baseball league for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 18 years old.

**South Side YMCA.** 6330 Stony Island Avenue. 773-947-0700. [www.ymca.net](http://www.ymca.net) YMCA programs include child care, preschool, Sears Family Nights, a summer day camp, youth swim lessons and sports programs for kids. The YMCA also has an indoor pool and mini-golf course.

**Three Pillar Wellness.** 1516 E. 53rd Street. 773-363-7606. Offers martial arts classes for children.

**University of Chicago Swim School.** 5530 S. Ellis. 773-702-4657. <http://athletics.uchicago.edu/swimschool.htm> Swimming instruction offered by the University of Chicago Swim Team coaches and members of the Men's and Women's Varsity Swimming Teams. \$60/child. Ages 3 and up.

## **RESOURCES FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS**

**New Mom Support.** Contact Andrea Denny by email at [andrea@andrea-adam.com](mailto:andrea@andrea-adam.com) or by phone at 773-288-6621. Supports Group Fridays 1-3 pm at Unitarian Church (5650 S. Woodlawn in the Parent Support Network Room).

**University of Chicago Hospitals.** 773-702-9200. [www.uchospitals.edu](http://www.uchospitals.edu) Special classes for expectant families are offered at the University of Chicago Hospitals. Early registration is recommended, and advance payment is required for classes requiring tuition. A specially priced package of classes includes Lamaze, infant care, breastfeeding and a birth room tour for \$105 per couple.

**Swedish Covenant Hospitals.** For more information on classes for expectant families at Swedish Covenant Hospitals visit <http://www.schosp.org>

**Birthways-Labor Support and Postpartum Doula Services.** 1484 W. Farragut. 773-506-0607. [www.birthwaysinc.com](http://www.birthwaysinc.com) This is Chicago's oldest and largest community of labor support and postpartum doulas. Services include childbirth education, breastfeeding support, parenting support and classes for expectant parents. Birthways has a new Parent Resource Center that offers classes on a variety of topics including infant sign language and cloth diapering.

**Rush University Medical Center.** 312-942-2336. [www.rush.edu](http://www.rush.edu) Resources at Rush include birth center tours, breastfeeding classes, cesarean birth classes, childbirth education, infant/child CPR classes, prenatal classes, sibling classes and therapeutic massage.

**Northwestern Memorial Hospital.** 877-926-4664. [www.nmh.org](http://www.nmh.org) Resources include new mom support groups and a variety of classes.

## **PARENT GROUPS AND RESOURCES**

**Biracial Family Network.** 773-288-3644. [www.bfnchicago.org](http://www.bfnchicago.org) The Biracial Family Network's services include educational meetings, networking opportunities, newsletters, organized activities and a resource library.

**Family Support Source.** 773-493-5069. [www.familysupportsource.com](http://www.familysupportsource.com) Offers Proactive Parenting Consultation for individuals, couples, and groups in search of strategies for raising children.

**Fussy Baby Network.** [www.fussybabynetwork.org/services.html](http://www.fussybabynetwork.org/services.html) Hotline: 888-431-BABY. This network, run by the Erikson Institute, offers parents of fussy babies assistance and support through the hotline, clinics at the University of Chicago Children's Hospital, home visits and parent support groups.

**Go City Kids Chicago.** <http://www.gocitykids.com> This site lists classes, resources and fun ideas of outings for families across the Chicagoland area. Sign up for the weekly newsletter to get the latest scoop on local activities.

**Grand Boulevard Federation.** 715 E. 47th Street. 773-548-8140. [andreaea-gbf@ameritech.net](mailto:andreaea-gbf@ameritech.net) A leadership network for Bronzeville area public school parents.

**Hyde Park Parent Support Network.** [www.hydeparkpsn.org](http://www.hydeparkpsn.org) Parent Support Network (PSN) is a volunteer-run organization for parents of babies and young children from

Hyde Park and surrounding neighborhoods. PSN offers a playroom in the First Unitarian Church at 5650 S. Woodlawn. The group's message board provides a forum for asking parenting questions, sharing child-related information, and exchanging baby items. Examples of past PSN activities include holiday parties, weekly art projects, a field trip to a local fire station, and a monthly book club. Annual member dues are \$75.00 (sliding scale).

***Kids In Danger.*** [www.kidsindanger.org](http://www.kidsindanger.org) This local organization tracks child product recalls, distributes information on unsafe products (including those 'hand me downs' that may have been recalled but the information about them is no longer up. It was founded by two GSB faculty members.

***MOCHA.*** [www.mochallergies.org](http://www.mochallergies.org) Mothers of Children Having Allergies is a group of parents of children with food allergies, sharing information, and supporting each other.

***Mocha Moms.*** Mocha Moms is a support group for stay-at-home mothers of color. For information, visit their website at [www.mochamoms.org](http://www.mochamoms.org)

***Smart Love Parenting.*** [www.smartloveparent.org](http://www.smartloveparent.org). Offers parent education seminars, parent coaching, parent courses in child development, parent support groups and publications on infants/toddlers, school-age children, and preteens and teens.

***South Side Parents Group.*** [www.southsideparents.org](http://www.southsideparents.org) South Side Parents (SSP) seeks to improve and sustain quality education and enrichment opportunities for all children on the South side of Chicago. SSP organizes an Enrichment and Summer Camp Fair and Early Childhood and Elementary School Fair.

***Student Parent Group.*** <http://grad-affairs.uchicago.edu/services/parents.shtml> The Student Parent Group, a Registered Student Organization sponsored by the Office of Graduate Affairs, supports students and their families. The group has a list-serve and provides weekly activities for parents and children, child development and parenting workshops, holiday gatherings and parenting resources in Hyde Park. Check the website for an updated schedule of events and to join the list-serve or contact Natalie Tilghman at [nmhaney@uchicago.edu](mailto:nmhaney@uchicago.edu).

***The University of Chicago Family Resource Center.*** <http://grad-affairs.uchicago.edu/services/parents.shtml> The Family Resource Center is sponsored by the University of Chicago Women's Board and administered by the Office of Graduate Affairs. The Center is open from 10 am to 6 pm during the academic year and welcomes graduate and professional student parents affiliated with the University of Chicago. The Center's mission is to create a welcoming space where families from the university community can access resources, information and supportive programming and services. Offers a private lactation room and playroom. For more information or to register your family for Center activities, playgroups and classes, contact Natalie Tilghman at [nmhaney@uchicago.edu](mailto:nmhaney@uchicago.edu).

## **EDUCATION RESOURCES**

***Chicago Neighborhood Learning Network (CNLN).*** <http://cnln.cps.k12.il.us> Offers courses focused on the needs of Local School Council (LSC) members.

**Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference Schools and Education Committee.** [www.hydepark.org/education/schools.htm](http://www.hydepark.org/education/schools.htm) The Committee is heavily involved with promoting, growing and helping Local School Councils (LSC).

**LMAIS (Lake Michigan Association of Independent Schools).** [www.independentschools.net](http://www.independentschools.net) Many of the Chicago area independent schools are a part of this organization. The website provides information about these schools.

**Kumon.** 1448 East 53rd Street. 773-793-3083. [www.kumon.com](http://www.kumon.com) Kumon offers after school reading and math programs to help children master fundamental skills.

## **PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

**Ahadi Early Learning Center.** 2257 East 71st Street. 773-324-5497/5597. [www.ahadielc.org](http://www.ahadielc.org) A private school that offers a curriculum focused on fine arts, physical development and the pursuit of academics to children from pre-school to primary grades.

**Akiba Schecter Jewish Day School.** 5235 South Cornell. 773-493-8880. [www.akiba-schecter.org](http://www.akiba-schecter.org) This private school educates children from pre-school through eighth grade.

**Ancona School.** 4770 S. Dorchester Ave. 773-924-2356. [www.anconaschool.org](http://www.anconaschool.org) Ancona is an independent Montessori school that serves children from pre-school through eighth grade.

**Council Oak School Montessori.** 11030 South Longwood Drive. 773-779-7606. [www.CouncilOakMontessori.org](http://www.CouncilOakMontessori.org) Council Oak is an independent Montessori school that serves children from pre-school through eighth grade. Offers a before and after care program.

**Francis W. Parker.** 330 West Webster Avenue. 773-353-3000. [www.fwparker.org](http://www.fwparker.org) Francis W. Parker offers a compelling educational experience, encompassing the intellectual, emotional, social, physical and moral development of the individual student in the context of community life to children from junior kindergarten through twelfth grade.

**K.A.M Isaiah School.** 5039 S. Greenwood Avenue. 773-924-1234. [www.kamii.org/study](http://www.kamii.org/study) A private school which offers a nursery school program for children between the ages of 3 through 5. There are three day and five day morning programs and a parent/toddler group 2 days a week which provide a nurturing and stimulating program designed to enhance emotional, intellectual, social, and physical development to a diverse population that is not limited to Jewish children. KAM also offers an elementary program that serves children from kindergarten through sixth grade.

**Lake Shore Preparatory School.** 300 W. Hill St. 312-266-2020. [www.lakeshoreprep.com](http://www.lakeshoreprep.com) Lake Shore Preparatory is a private school in the Old Town

Neighborhood which serves children from pre-school through third grade.

**Latin School of Chicago.** 59 West North Boulevard. 312-582-6000. [www.latinschool.org](http://www.latinschool.org) Latin is co-educational private school that encourages students to love to learn, try their hardest, develop relationships and find balance in their lives. Latin serves children from junior kindergarten through twelfth grade.

**Morgan Park Academy.** 2153 West 111th Street. 773-881-6700. [www.morganparkacademy.org](http://www.morganparkacademy.org) Morgan Park Academy encourages its students to lead lives of purpose, to learn to work hard, to strive for excellence, and to appreciate the diversity that exists in this world. Morgan Park Academy serves children from pre-school through twelfth grade.

**Near North Montessori School.** 1434 West Division Street. 773-384-1434. [www.nnms.org](http://www.nnms.org) Near North Montessori is an independent Montessori school that serves children from pre-school through eighth grade. Additional programs include before and after school as well as a camp the summer.

**Old St Mary's School.** 1532 South Michigan Avenue. 312-386-1560. [www.osmschool.com](http://www.osmschool.com) Old St. Mary's is a parochial school that serves children from pre-kindergarten through first grade.

**St. Ambrose Elementary School.** 1014 E. 47<sup>th</sup> Street. 773-373-7311. St. Ambrose is a parochial school that serves children from pre-kindergarten through third grade. Additional programs include Spanish lessons and there is before and after school care.

**St Philip Neri School.** 2110 East 72nd Street. 773-288-1138 [www.spnschoolchicago.org](http://www.spnschoolchicago.org) St. Philip Neri is a parochial schools that serves children from pre-school through eighth grade.

**St. Thomas the Apostle School.** 5467 S. Woodlawn Avenue. 773-677-1142. [www.stapostle.com](http://www.stapostle.com) St. Thomas the Apostle is a parochial school that serves children from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Additionally, before and after school programs are offered.

**The Cambridge School of Chicago.** 4611 South Ellis Avenue. 773-924-1200. [www.cambridgechicago.com](http://www.cambridgechicago.com) Cambridge School combines the best teachings available in education from yesterday and today, including approaches developed in home schooling, classical education, core knowledge, and holistic experience-based classrooms. Cambridge School serves children from pre-school through fourth grade.

**University of Chicago Laboratory School.** 1362 E. 59<sup>th</sup> Street. 773-702-7455. [www.ucls.uchicago.edu](http://www.ucls.uchicago.edu) The Laboratory School offers a rigorous academic program that focuses on character development and the development of critical thinking skills. The Laboratory School serves children from nursery through twelfth grade.

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Chicago Public Schools.** Search the on-line directory to find a school of interest.  
<http://www.oism.cps.k12.il.us/elementarydirectory.shtml>

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**Note: There is a taxi cab stand at 58<sup>th</sup> and Maryland (near the DCAM).**

**CTA.** 312-836-7000. 567 W. Lake St. [www.yourcta.com](http://www.yourcta.com)

**Checker Cab.** 312-CHECKER. 845 W. Washington Blvd.

**Yellow Cab.** 312-TAXICAB. 2233 S. Wabash.

**AMTRAK.** 800-USA-RAIL. 225 S. Canal St. [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

**Greyhound Bus.** 312-408-5800. 630 W. Harrison St. [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)

**Metra.** [www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com)

**Omega Airport Shuttle.** 773-483-6634. 8751 S. Greenwood #110.  
[www.omegashuttle.com](http://www.omegashuttle.com) This is a shuttle that picks up in Hyde Park and travels to the airports.

**University of Chicago Bus Routes.**  
<http://facilities.uchicago.edu/transpparking/transportation/index.shtml>

## **HEALTH CARE**

**47<sup>th</sup> Street Practice (University of Chicago Hospitals).** 1301 E. 47<sup>th</sup> Street. 773-326-3500.

**88<sup>th</sup> Street Practice (University of Chicago Hospitals).** 8811 S. Stony Island Avenue. 773-374-4444.

**Children's Memorial Hospital.** 2300 Children's Plaza. 800-KIDSDOC.  
[www.childrensmemorial.com](http://www.childrensmemorial.com)

**Booker Family Health Center.** 654 E. 47th Street. 773-624-4800.

**Friend Family Health Center (University of Chicago Hospital).** 800 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street. 773-702-0660.

**La Rabida Children's Hospital.** East 65th Street at Lake Michigan. 773-363-6700.  
[www.larabida.org](http://www.larabida.org) This hospital focuses on treating children's with chronic conditions.

**Mercy Hospital.** 2525 South Michigan Ave. 312-567-2000. [www.mercy-chicago.org](http://www.mercy-chicago.org).

**Michael Reese Hospital.** 2929 S. Ellis Avenue. 312-791-3000.  
[www.michaelreesehospital.com](http://www.michaelreesehospital.com)

**Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area.** 14 E. Jackson Blvd., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor. 312-427-2275. The health care provider offers education, family planning, medical services and advocacy programs.

**Student Care Center (SCC).** 5841 S. Maryland Avenue. MC 3052, Suite 100-R.  
<http://scc.uchicago.edu> The Student Care Center (SCC) is located in the University of Chicago Medical Center and is designed to serve the health care needs of University of Chicago students. At the SCC, you will find medical staff and faculty who are dedicated to providing outstanding health care.

**University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital.** 5721 S. Maryland Avenue. 773-702-1000.

## **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**Student Counseling and Resource Service (SCRS).** 5737 South University Avenue. 773-702-9800. <http://counseling.uchicago.edu> The Student Counseling and Resource Service (SCRS) provides mental health care to University of Chicago students, their partners, and their dependents. The services offered includes assessment, crisis intervention, short-term psychotherapy with individuals (including children) and couples, brief group therapy, medication management, academic skills counseling, and referral services. All services begin with an intake appointment in order to determine the nature of the problem and the kinds of services appropriate to address it. For parents with concerns about their children or family matters, this may be an extended evaluation during which the SCRS therapist explores the parents' and child's concerns with the goal of acquiring a thorough understanding of the difficulties and developing a plan to address them. Students and their families present with a range of problems that may be responses to stress or developmental transitions, an interference with the ability to function well in school or in relationships, anxiety and depression, and difficulty achieving personal goals.

## **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO** **HOUSING**

**University of Chicago Graduate Student Housing** is available to married couples with or without children. Visit <http://reo.uchicago.edu/gradhousing.shtml> to get more information on living arrangements.

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**  
**CAMPUS NURSING/CHANGING**  
**STATIONS**

***Regenstein Library.*** The women's restrooms on each floor contain a bed with a curtain that can be used for nursing and changing.

***Haskell Hall (Department of Anthropology).*** On the second floor, there is a women's restroom with a bed.

***Chicago Theological Seminary.*** Enter through the door to the Seminary Coop Bookstore but go straight ahead to the women's bathroom. There is a "powder room" with a couch that is fine for nursing.

***Family Resource Center.*** 57th and University (2nd Floor). There is a private room for nursing/breast pump use with comfy chairs and refrigerated storage. Additionally, there several places for changing babies or toddlers.

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